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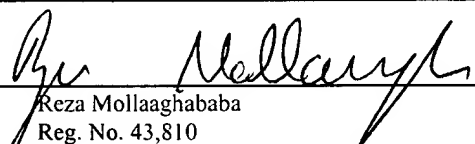
Re: U.S. Patent Application No: 09/756,936
Filing Date: January 9, 2001
Entitled: **NETWORK DEVICE POWER DISTRIBUTION
SCHEME**
Applicants: Brian Branscomb et al.
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Dear Sir:

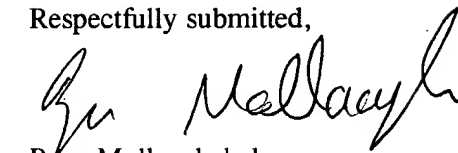
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In Related Applications

Please amend the specification by inserting at page 1, subheading "Related Applications": -This application is a continuation-in-part of application number

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